Central Government, the expansion programme of Doordarshan as well as the on-going projects cannot be completed. Adequate financial support has to be extended for this purpose during the remaining period of the Eighth Plan. Hence I demand that efforts should be made by the Central Government to look into the completion of the on-going projects and provide adequate funds for that. At the same time, I also demand that the proposals submitted by the Sate Government for completion of the on-going projects and for expansion of the Doordarshan network in the State should be implemented at the earliest. Thank you, Sir.

Indiscriminate Arrests Under Prevention of Corruption Act.

SHRI R. MARGABANDU (Tamil Nadu): Sir. I would like to bring certain, matters to the notice of this House so that the entire world can know what is happening now in the name of democracy. In a democracy, the opposition party is a necessary wing. But now the Opposition is being throuttled and strangulated in so many ways. In this respect, I would quote the judgement given by Justice Shivappa in the High Court of Madras. These words would show how democracy is prevailing in India especially in Tamil Nadu. Sir, I quote: "Why are you shielding Kannappan, Muthusamy and Aranganayagam who had been expelled from the AIADMK? Is it not a political game for political advantage? Why have you not conducted raids in their houses? Why are you giving them time to erase the evidence?"

He further says: "You keep a threat on a few, for political gain and exonerate a few". So this is the situation. Sir, in the name of the Prevention of Corruption Act, the successor Government which has come to power in Tamil Nadu after our Government, AIADMK Government is not functioning as a Government but they are levelling charges against the previous Government one after an other. The people have given a mandate to the DMK Government to do service and to do something for the betterment of the common man. But leaving that, they spend their entire time in accusing and levelling charges against the AIADMK people and that is the position, Sir. In Tamil Nadu, Assembly the AIADMK Members are only four in number, but it is the only opposition party there. Though the TMC party can be called a political party, it has an alliance with the DMK and practically the only opposition party is our party, the AIADMK party and our party has been terrorised. Political terrorism is going on in Tamil Nadu. They have taken a vow to see that the AIADMK is crushed to pieces and against those who belong to that party charges are levelled and their houses are raided, whether there is a case or not. They are being put to shame in the eyes of the public. I can quote one instance, Sir. In Tamil Nadu, my leader was arraigned as the first accused in a hotel case, the Kodaikanal Pleasant Stay Hotel. She was arraigned as the first accused. I would like to know is there any basis for that. In a case where a licence has been given and which has been struck down by the High Court, the High Court had made a remark that the Chief Minister while signing that permission, signed it without applying her mind. But what is the case put against her? 'There is a criminal conspiracy for corruption and other things.' When the mind has not been applied can we say that there is a criminal conspiracy or a *mala fide* intention in granting that? Sir, in the Government a file is created, it is generated from the lower level and at various stages that file is moved and it is checked, cross-checked and legally examined. The IAS officers finally approve that proposal.

Then it goes to the Minister of approval and then to the Chief Minister. The Minister and the Chief Minister are not expected to be law experts and they have belief in the IAS officers. They sign it. If for merely signing a document, a Chief Minister is to be hauled up in a criminal case then how will any Government func-

tion? Every day the Chief Minister or the Prime Minister has to sign thousands of files. What will be the position? Every day, the Prime Minister, Mr. Deve Gowda—I suppose is not a law expert—signs thousands of files and passes orders. Similar is the case with Cabinet Ministers. They also pass orders. That is the position. Now there is a case involving dues of Rs. 3 crores. Everything was examined. A portion of the amount was waived for which my leader was charged for an offence of corruption.

I will quote another instance. My leader was charged with FERA violations. She received $3,00,000 as a gift, donation. For that, a case was registered against her. Here I would like to quote section 3 of the Foreign Exchange (Regulation) Act which deals with foreign remittances...*(Interruptions)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Mr. Margabandu, you have to conclude now...*(Interruptions)*...

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): Sir, what has to be argued in a court of law is being argued here, in Parliament. Whatever he has to say, he should say that in a court of law. He is arguing here as a lawyer, not as a parliamentarian. There is no use...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI R. MARGABANDU: It is no argument.

SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN: You are arguing like a lawyer. It does not seem to be a parliamentary speech...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI R. MARGABANDU: What is wrong with what I am saying? I don't know whether we are functioning in a democracy...*(Interruptions)*...Judiciary has today come into the parliamentary activity. Signals are being aired to the whole world that the DMK Government is functioning like a...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN: What you have to say about the case, you say that in the court. Mr. Vice-Chairman, I strongly object to his arguments here as a lawyer...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Sir, the people's mandate is to serve them, and not to settle political scores...*(Interruptions)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Let him make his submission and conclude...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN: Sir, it is not a question whether there is a AIADMK or DMK Government. All that I am submitting is that these are arguments to be submitted in a court of law and not in Parliament. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI R. MARGABANDU: We have a right...*(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Mr. Margabandu, please conclude now...*(interruptions)*

SHRI R. MARGABADNU: Sir, under section 3, any remittance of foreign exchange...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN: Sir, he is arguing his leader's case here. There is no charge-sheet. He has to argue there and not here. He can defend her case as a defence lawyer in a court...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI R. MARGABANDU: One IAS officer was...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN: Mr. Vice-Chairman, I submit that he is arguing like a old defence lawyer and not as a parliamentarian...*(Interruptions)* There is no charge-sheet. They have to face the music there and not here.

SHRI R. MARGABANDU: IAS officers are being arrested and put in the jails...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN: Sir, I strongly object to this. He cannot speak about IAS officers here. His remarks should be removed from the records ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI R. MARGABANDU: The IAS officers of Tamil Nadu cadre are being harassed...(*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Mr. Margabandu, you take half-a-minute and conclude your speech.

SHRI R. MAPGABANDU: Sir, I will conclude in a minute. The IAS officers of Tamil Nadu are facing a lot of problems today. They are being terrorised. They are not able to pass orders even on one single file. This is the state of affairs of every officer in the State who deals with that Department. Whoever is dealing with that Department is being put in the jail. This is something which we have never seen in the history of India that IAS officers who are doing the executive work are being hauled up and arrested. This is the situation in today's Tamil Nadu. A signal should be sent out that there is no political victimisation. Ours is a democratic country and there should not be any political victimisation. In the name of democracy, the DMK Government is engaging itself in political victimisation. This is the position of the DMK Government in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Sir, may I associate myself with him?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): No associations. Now, Shri Ish Dutt Yadav.

IMMEDIATE NEED TO RESTORE THE GHAZIPUR GHAT RAILWAY STATION ON AURDIHAR-CHHAPARA RAILWAY LINE

श्री ईश दत्त यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश): मान्यवर, उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, मैं बहुत ही कम समय लूंगा। उत्तर प्रदेश में गाजीपुर एक ऐतिहासिक शहर है। स्वतंत्रता संग्राम में भी यहां के लोगों का बहुत बड़ा योगदान रहा है और भारत के मानचित्र में भी इस जनपद का एक महत्वपूर्ण स्थान है।

मान्यवर, औढिगार से छपरा तक छोटी रेल लाइन थी जिस को 1902 में अंग्रेजों ने बनवाया था और गाजीपुर शहर में गाजीपुर घाट नाम से एक रेलवे स्टेशन बनाया गया था। अब औढियार-छपरा छोटी रेल लाइन का आमान परिवर्तित कर दिया गया है और अब यह इस वर्ष से बड़ी रेल लाइन के रूप में चालू हो गया है। लेकिन जो सबसे दुखद चीज हुई, मान्यवर, वह यह कि गाजीपुर घाट जो रेलवे स्टेशन था 1902 में और जो 94 साल से रहा, उसको अब सरकार ने खत्म करके, रेलवे विभाग ने खत्म करके हाल्ट स्टेशन बना दिया। हाल्ट स्टेशन बना देने से इस शहर का जो जिला मुख्यालय है, वहां लोगों के व्यापार, लोगों के आवागमन में सारी अव्यवस्था हो गई है और इससे लोगों को बड़ी परेशानी है। इसलिए मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार से और रेल मंत्रालय से मांग करता हूं कि जो गाजीपुर सिटी में रेलवे स्टेशन था, उसको हाल्ट न रखकर पुनः रेलवे स्टेशन बना दिया जाए ताकि वहां के लोगों की समस्या हल हो सके। बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद।

More funds to Central Institute of fisheries technology at Burla in Orissa

SHRI SANATAN BISI (Orissa): Sir, through this Special Mention, I want to raise a very urgent matter regarding more funds for Central Institute of Fisheries Technology at Burla, Orissa.

The above institute was established in the year 1963 at Burla, Orissa. In the year 1989, the Government of Orissa provided 3.20 acres of land for construction of a research complex at Burla. On 19th October, 1992, the then hon. Union Minister of Agricultural Research, Shri K.C. Lenka, while laying the foundation-stone of the centre, declared that an amount of Rs. 82 lakhs had been provided for construction of the centre during the Eighth Five Year Plan. I urge upon the Government to release these funds at the earliest.

Railway accident at unmanned Railway Gate near Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: (Andhra Pradesh): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I am raising an issue of a railway accident on 9th of last month wherein 13 persons died instantly and 17 persons severely injured. The Giddaluru-Guntur passenger train and a truck carrying mill-workers collided at Dokiparru unmanned railway level-crossing gate in Vijayawada Division of South Central